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LOCAL

Mrs. Wm. Kendall of Chicago is a guest of her daughter, Mrs. Edwin Reeves.

Mrs. Claire Doren and baby are home from the hospital, both mother and babe are doing fine.

The interior of the Paw Paw Drug Company store is receiving a coat of paint. Charley Sheldon is the artist.

Willey Taylor, the young son of Mr. and Mrs. Will Taylor, fell in the barn last Monday and broke the bone of one of his arms above the elbow and dislocated the elbow joint.

Al Hindenach and A. N. Cole are giving their residences a coat of paint. They may be termed "Scab Painters" by members of the union, but they are doing a mighty fine job nevertheless.

Next Monday is the opening of the Black Bass season, and every fisherman is getting out the rod and reel in anticipation of the sport. Anticipation, it is said, is more than half of the sport.

Saturday, June 14th, is "Flag Day" in a proclamation to the people of Michigan, Governor Sleeper asks that flags be displayed on all private and public buildings, and that fitting programs be given in all churches on the Sunday following.

The True Northerner gratefully acknowledges a liberal sample of very choice large juicy strawberries grown and presented by Mrs. Vacella Church. They were the most delicious berries it has ever been our good fortune to sample.

"LaFayette we Come", starring E. K. Lincoln is announced for the Idle Hour on Friday and Saturday nights of this week. This is one of the big features and should have a packed house. On Sunday night, Constance Talmadge stars in "The Lesson".

The 49th, annual meeting of the Van Buren County Pioneer association will be held in Covert on Thursday, June 19th, at 10:30 o'clock in the forenoon. There will be a picnic dinner, a program of music and speaking and other events to make the day an enjoyable one.

James Jordan and wife of Minnesota were over Sunday guests at the Postmaster Cole home. Mr. Jordan was a partner of Mr. Cole years ago in the Free Press and Courier. This is the first time Mrs. Jordan has visited here in thirty-three years. Mr. Jordan called on friends here eight years ago.

Lieutenant Maurice Cole is home from Overseas, looking well and feeling fine. Maurice was in the thick of the fighting and has seen much real service. He was badly gassed, and as a result submitted an operation recently which has restored him to perfect health. He is still in the service, but expects to be mustered out soon at Camp Custer.

Mrs. Jake Reidl entertained the Freshmen class of the local schools on Thursday evening last in honor of Miss Lynlou Davis. A most enjoyable evening was spent in music and contests. The guests were ushered into the dining room where five small tables were tastefully decorated with center flower pieces and favors in class colors. Mrs. Reidl assisted by Mrs. Elmer Davis served a dainty and elaborate three course luncheon.

The 48th, annual Commencement exercises of the Paw Paw high school will be held in the Opera House this Friday evening. Following is the program:—Concert Fischer's orchestra; 7:30 to 8:00 o'clock. Processional; Invocation, Rev. Arthur Trott; Salutatory, L. B. Hoodmaker; Class History, Metta Smith; String Trio Dorothy Tuttle, Martha Thayer, Eda Ayars, Emily Reynolds, accompanist; Class Poem, Lena Maxham; Class Will, Guy Mumbrue; Piano Solo, "Scarf Dance"—Chaminade-Marian Miller; Oration, Robert Webb; Class Prophecy, Caroline Johnson, Floy Salsbury; Vocal Solo, Milton Dow; Valedictory, Irene Gibbs; Presentation of Diplomas, Supt. O. W. Kaye; Benediction, Rev. E. E. Shouffler. Following is the list of those who have completed the course of study, and who will receive the coveted diplomas:—L. B. Hoodmaker, Duane Gleason, Eda Lord Ayars, Dorothy Thornton Tuttle, Marian Adelle Miller, Dorothy Lucille Tuttle, Carolyn Claire Johnson, Floy Evelyn Salsbury, Emily Gertrude Reynolds, Clara Irene Gibbs, Metta Mae Smith, Lena Jane Maxham, Martha Carolyn Thayer, Ervin William Fisher, Dale Hinkley Frederick R. Yowler, Robert T. Webb Lelia Dodge, Wilhelmina C. Neale, Milton Lloyd Dow, Thomas Maxwell Poole, Leo Mentor, and Guy Albert Mumbrue.

Rev. Percy Nickless delivered a fine Baccalaureate address to the Seniors at the M. E. church last Sunday evening.

Boyd Clapper has sold his farm to a Polish family of Pittsburg, Pa. Mr. and Mrs. Clapper will make their future home in Cleveland, Ohio.

We understand that the John W. Free Company, Bankers, have purchased the Van Fossen block on the corner of Main and South Kalamazoo streets.

Wm. Signor of Gobleville is here at the home of his daughter Mrs. Glenn Markille. Mr. Signor was injured quite badly by a fall recently and is here to recuperate.

Married at the Methodist Parsonage in Paw Paw on Tuesday, June 10. Basil S. Brundage and Miss Anna M. Harbott, both of Kendall. Rev. Arthur Trott was the officiating clergyman.

Free and Mutchler are furnishing the pipe for a water main from the lake on Towers farm to the cement work on the road east of Paw Paw. Work on the new pavement is now in progress.

Lieutenant Edgar D. Wallace has returned from Overseas and is with his mother Mrs. C. E. Wallace, at her summer home at Lake Cora. The Lieutenant was a member of the First Division, 28th, Infantry.

Mrs. J. H. Lee and family of Detroit, and Mrs. F. M. Bell and family of Sturgis motored from Sturgis to Paw Paw last Sunday to spend the day at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. McCabe, returning in the evening.

The remains of Milo Warner were brought here from Comstock and buried in Prospect cemetery last Sunday. Mrs. Olivia Woodman officiating. Deceased was formerly a resident of Paw Paw and will be remembered by many. He was sixty years of age and leaves a wife and two sons.

There will be a special Communication of Paw Paw lodge No. 25 F. and A. M. next Tuesday evening for the purpose of conferring the Third Degree. Refreshments will be served and every member of the lodge who possibly can do so is urged to be present to assist in the work.

A meeting of the stock holders of the Wolverine Co-operative company limited is announced for Saturday afternoon, June 21st, for the purpose of considering the advisability of winding up the affairs of the company and dissolving the association. The meeting will be held at the offices of the company on South Gremps street.

Announcement has been made by Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Curtiss of the engagement of their daughter Miss Lettie Ruth to Mr. Charles D. Salsbury of Elkhart, Indiana. The wedding will take place in Chicago, June the fourteenth. Mr. Salsbury is a conductor on the New York Central Railroad. After an extended honeymoon the young couple will be at home at 6640 Maryland Ave., Chicago.

The Missionary society of the Baptist church held a very interesting meeting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. D. Johnson on Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. E. E. Shouffler conducted the program which dealt with the Baptist program of world reconstruction, as outlined by the Northern Baptist convention which recently met at Denver, Colorado. The men of the church joined the crowd in a pot-luck supper in the evening.

C. C. Giddings was in Toledo this week for new Overland cars. He was there for that purpose last week but didn't get the cars. He was unfortunate enough to arrive in Toledo on the evening of the big strike riot at the Overland Factory. He attempted to drive a car from the factory, but was informed by the strike leaders, that if he drove the car from the yards he would be killed, and the machine torn into bits. Charley has plenty of "Nerve" but used good judgment in taking the strikers at their word and leaving his cars until some future date.

M. H. Young joined Messrs. Walter Hodge and Mr. Blaney of Kalamazoo last Thursday for a trip to Lansing in the interest of the "Paved Way" through Van Buren county. The State Highway Department assured these gentlemen that the paving, which has been started in Kalamazoo county would be extended to Paw Paw and join as main street paving. The State Highway Commissioner also gave assurance that one year from now every foot of highway from Detroit to the Michigan State Line on the Chicago road would either be paved or under the course of construction. This will be welcome news to every citizen in Southern Michigan.

Fine home grown strawberries are now on the market.

T. J. Cavanaugh and family now ride in a fine new Mitchell Six car.

Mr. and Mrs. George Whitehead are entertaining his father from Marcellus.

Delay in shipment of steel has delayed the progress of the Library building construction.

Wm. C. Mosier and wife have been spending a part of the week at the home of their son Duane in Lansing.

Dr. Vern Van Fossen has just returned from Chicago where she has spent three weeks taking work of the eminent Pyorrhea Prophylaxis specialist, Dr. Austin James.

The Association of Probate Judges of this state was held this week at Grand Rapids, June 10, 11, and 12. Judge Killefer was in attendance for a part of the session.

Dr. Frank Roach of Newport Michigan spent several hours in Paw Paw the first of the week. He is enroute by auto in company with several others to the Pacific Coast.

A very pretty home wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gust E. Johnson last Wednesday evening, when their daughter, Mildred Johanna, became the happy bride of Gregory Delhaye of Wilmette, Illinois. The ceremony was performed by Rev. E. E. Shouffler, pastor of the Baptist church in Paw Paw. June flowers decorated the home, and Mendelssohn's wedding march was played on the Victrola and the double ring service was used. The bride's gown was of satin, draped with Georgette Crepe and she carried a bouquet of brides roses. After the ceremony, dainty refreshments were served. Mr. and Mrs. Delhaye will make their home in Wilmette, Illinois. The bride recently graduated as a nurse from a Chicago hospital.

Last Friday was a great day for the schools of Van Buren county, and probably saw the largest crowd that ever assembled in the village of Lawrence. Paw Paw stood third in the track events and lost the ball game to Bangor, but the boys worked hard, are good losers as well as winners, and gracefully took their hats off to the victors. The track and field events were a close battle between Gobleville and Bangor, the latter winning on points; but Charles who won the shot put for Bangor was ruled ineligible on account of having competed in county events for five years, which gave the three points made on the event to Gobleville and gave them the meet. It might be said in passing that the same Charles played center field for Bangor in the championship ball game, and made several spectacular catches, which the regular fielders would undoubtedly have missed. He played with the consent of Paw Paw, but should not have been in the game if ineligible under the rules. The individual star of the day was Walker of Gobleville who won 21 of the 31 points credited to that school. He is a star and will be heard from in college circles later. The point winners for Paw Paw were Lyle who took second in the 50 yard dash, 100 yard dash, 440 yard run, 220 yard dash; Mentor, second in the High Jump, and Fish tied with two others for third place in the Pole Vault. Paw Paw lost the Relay race to Gobleville, Walker nosing out Lyle on the last lap. The events of the day really centered in the base ball game, which was practically spoiled by the heavy shower. The diamond was a veritable lake, and Supt. Kaye went to work with a shovel, brooms, two bales of straw and thirty gallons of gasoline, and while the diamond was soft the game was played. That the game was played at all was due almost entirely to the efforts of Mr. Kaye. Bangor to a man was in favor of a postponement which would have been a big disappointment to the immense crowd who came to see the game. The game was a pitcher's battle and the final score 2 to 0 in favor of Bangor. Dow for Paw Paw had seven strikeouts, and allowed but three hits. Three errors however lost the game. Bangor likewise made three errors, but they did not count in the final result. Paw Paw made four hits. Dow pitched the best game of his career, and deserved to win. The slab work of Dibble was also remarkable by reason of the fact that he had participated in nearly every event of the day, and just before the game was called went out and took first in the pole vault. He seemed to have wonderful endurance however, and went the nine innings without a slip. Bangor has a well balanced team, and there are no more spots on the losers. The final standings of the various schools in the track and field events were as follows: Gobleville, 31; Bangor, 23 1-2; Paw Paw, 18 1-2; Lawrence, 11; South Haven, 9 1-2; Hartford, 7; Decatur, 3.

Miss Edna Johnson who was home to attend the wedding of her sister Mildred, returned to Chicago last Thursday.

Dell Cummings who has spent several weeks with relatives and friends in Deerfield, has returned to Paw Paw for the summer.

The Children's Day program at the Baptist church last Sunday was well rendered and largely attended. The decorations were beautiful.

Miss Rena Van Fossen has returned home for the summer from Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania where she has been teaching English the past year.

Charles E. Winters of Dayton, Ohio and Miss Fern McIntosh of the same place were married in Paw Paw on Tuesday June 10th, by Rev. Trott.

Miss May Delhaye of Wilmette, Illinois has been the guest of G. E. Johnson and family the past week. She attended the wedding of her brother.

Floyd Salisbury of Lawton is opening a garage in the Henry Holt building on East Main street and will be ready for business June 18. Mr. Salisbury was formerly employed by Packer and Giddings in their garage at Lawton and also spent one year in the Temple Garage in Kalamazoo. He has moved his family here and occupies the Jones residence.

The following extracts are taken from a recent letter from John H. Sirrine of Los Angeles to the True Northerner:—"Springtime always brings sweet memories to me. I remember that April 25th, 1861, I enlisted in the Lafayette Light Guard. I remember that the Lafayette Light Guard helped raise the (barn frame) of the new Christian church in Paw Paw and had a picnic dinner in the grove just north of what is now the residence of J. W. Free. I remember that we marched to Lawton over a beautiful sand road, one hundred and seven men, on the way to our work for \$13.00 per month and 'Hard-Tack' I remember that four thousand boys—more or less on foot and as many grown people in carriages accompanied us to Lawton. I remember that when on furlough, I was made a Mason in May 1864, in the Masonic hall over the store that is now Eaton and Mosier's. I was born May 27th, 1841. Can't quite remember that I once belonged to the Paw Paw Hose Company, called 'The Snails'. Could we run? Ask some of the old boys. R. C. Thayer and the rest of the Los Angeles people from Paw Paw (About fifty in all) are well and happy."

The Midland Chautauqua Circuit announces that the week of August 23 to 29 both dates inclusive, have been definitely fixed for the Paw Paw Chautauqua. Mr. Holladay, manager of the Circuit is putting forth every effort this year, to make this Chautauqua the best ever presented, and some wonderful talent has been booked. The program this year as in the past, will be built for a purpose. As the keynote of the program last year was "The Winning of the War", this year it will be "Reconstruction." There will be plenty of music and plenty of entertainment, but this thought will underlie the program. Probably the most unusual feature on the program this year will be Lieut. A. J. "Andy" Nielson, "The Flying Parson" in his lecture, "Problems of the Air". Lieut. Nielson, previous to the war was a Methodist minister who says that just because he happened to be a minister he did not see any real reason why he should let some one else do all the fighting, so he enlisted in the aviation branch of the service. He proved to be an apt pupil and was soon placed in the instruction division and spent almost one year in that department. He will make the circuit in his plane and if the weather conditions are favorable will probably make an exhibition flight just before his lecture on the program. His machine will then be placed on exhibition at the tent where it may be examined at the close of the lecture. Among the other lectures on the program will be Dr. Lyman Powell, former president of Hobart College, and one of the best known writers and educators of the east. He was the first man chosen by the government to go abroad and study the effects of the war on education. Dr. D. D. Vaughan, a man who has seen life from all angles will be another interesting character. Solely by his own efforts he rose from a newsboy on the streets of Chicago to a minister, occupying the pulpit of one of the most aristocratic and influential churches of his denomination in Chicago. He is a clear thinker, eloquent speaker and has been constantly in demand for some years past. More will be said about the special features of the program in next week's issue. In the meantime paste up the dates, and commence to save the dimes now for a season ticket.

The George Gould home was badly scorched by fire last Tuesday. Prompt arrival of the department confined the flames to the roof of one part however, and the loss is not heavy. The fire originated from an oil stove.

Miss Bess Harrison is spending a short furlough among Paw Paw relatives and friends. She is a Red Cross nurse and has seen much service in hospitals at the front in France. She expects to resume her work soon in some army camp in the states.

Claire McFarlin submitted to two serious operations in a hospital in New York City recently. His parents received two telegrams from the surgeon in charge last Saturday that his condition was critical. A later wire however stated that he was improved and probably out of danger.

Mrs. David Anderson, president of the Coterie received a letter from Senator Davis the first of the week, stating that the "Tufts Movie Censorship Bill" would undoubtedly pass this session and that the same would in all probability be signed by the governor. This is a bill which is favored by the State Federation of Women's clubs, and Senator Davis is giving it his unqualified support.

FARM BUREAU NOTES

It is hoped that a large number of farmers aside from those who will take an active part in the membership drive will come to the meeting at Lawrence. The Farm Bureau is an organization of and for the farmers of the County and it will become just what the farmers of the county will make it. A great many farmers do not as yet fully understand the Farm Bureau of the county or the state, but every farmer should and at the Lawrence meeting will be a good place to learn a great deal about the movement. Some farmers without doubt will be against the Farm Bureau even after fully understanding it, but all at least owe the organization their serious consideration and an intelligent conclusion based on the facts regarding the Farm Bureau of Van Buren county.

It is expected dinner will be served at noon by some of the ladies organizations of Lawrence community, so the meeting can be an all day affair. Plan on attending this meeting and there rub elbows with progressive farmers from all over the county. Keep the date of June 17th, in mind and open, so the meeting will not be missed.

The Farm Bureau meeting will be held in Lawrence Park if the weather permits, and if not, in the Grange Hall, and will be called at Ten A. M. on Tuesday, June 17th. While this meeting is primarily for the township chairmen and school district men for the membership drive, every farmer in the county is invited to be present and take an active part in the proceedings.

The Farm Bureau movement is growing all over the United States and it is well for all thinking farmers to look into the idea and be in a position to intelligently decide whether to be for or against the movement. Certainly every farmer in the county should become familiar with the movement which may be able to do as much for the farming business as the Farm Bureau movement promises to be able to do. Surely there can be no better place to become familiar with the working of the system than at a meeting of the nature the Lawrence meeting will be.

At this meeting there will be gathered together from all over the county, progressive farmers who will meet to make plans to develop and make more effective their organization, the County Farm Bureau. It seems as though no man in the state of Michigan could be in a better position to acquaint the farmers of the county with the work of the county and state Farm Bureau than Mr. C. A. Bingham, Secretary of the State Farm Bureau. Mr. Bingham is a large farmer and fruit grower from Oakland county who was instrumental in causing the organization of a Farm Bureau in his county and who has stuck right by the organization and thus is in close touch with the county Farm Bureau work.

As Secretary of the State Farm Bureau, he has a good line on the activities of this organization, he will be present at Lawrence to discuss with the farmers of the county in their own language, some of their problems and the part the Farm Bureau may play in the solution of them.

Remember the date, June 17th, and the place, Lawrence, either in the park or Grange Hall, and plan on attending, but do still more, attend this meeting and help put Van Buren County in the class of counties of the state which have strongly alive Farm Bureaus.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School ----- 10:00 A. M.
Morning Worship ----- 11:00 A. M.
Sermon Subject:—"The Christian Doctrine of Property and Wealth."
May all members and friends of this church be present.
Christian Endeavor ----- 6:30 P. M.
Union Service ----- 7:30 P. M.
Special Music. Rev. Trott preaches. Come out.

BAPTIST CHURCH

Edward Everett Shouffer, Pastor
10:00 A. M. The Bible School.
11:00 A. M. Divine Worship. Special Music. Sermon Topic, "Four Kinds of Attention."
3:00 P. M. Meeting of the Junior Christian Endeavor Society.
6:30 P. M. The Senior Christian Endeavor Society meeting will be led by Miss Beulah Knight.
7:30 P. M. The Union Services will be held in the Christian church. Rev. Arthur Trott will preach. Strangers are always welcome at all services. Come and bring a friend.

NOTICE OF LETTING OF DRAIN CONTRACT

Notice is hereby given that I, Charles E. Ashley, County Drain Commissioner of the County of Van Buren, State of Michigan, will, on the 26th, day of June, A. D. 1919, at the residence of Albert Chase, in the Township of Waverly, in said County of Van Buren at Ten o'clock in the forenoon of that day, proceed to receive bids for the construction of a certain Drain, known and designated as "Elm Flat East (Branch) Drain" located and established in the Township of Waverly, in said County of Van Buren and described as follows to-wit:

Said Elm Flat East Branch Drain is to be Cleaned Out and the tile to be taken out across the Putney farm in the S. W. ¼ N. E. ¼ on Sec. 20 Waverly Township. Said Drain is 80 rods long, is to be cleaned to an 18 inch bottom.

Said job will be let by sections. The section at the outlet of said Drain will be let first, and the remaining sections in their order up stream in accordance with the diagram now on file with the other papers pertaining to said Drain, in the office of the County Drain Commissioner of the County of Van Buren, to which reference may be had by all parties interested, and bids will be made and received accordingly. Contracts will be made with the lowest responsible bidder giving adequate security for the performance of the work, in a sum then and there to be fixed by me, reserving to myself the right to reject any and all bids. The date for the completion of such contract, and the terms of payment therefor, shall and will be announced at the time and place of letting.

Notice is further hereby given, that at the time and place of said letting, or at such other time and place thereafter, to which I, the County Drain Commissioner aforesaid, may adjourn the same, the assessments for benefits and the lands comprised within the Elm Flat East Branch Drain Special Assessment District, and the apportionments thereof will be announced by me and will be subject to review for one day, from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon.

The following is a description of the several tracts or parcels of land constituting the Special Assessment District of said Drain, viz: T. 2 S. R. 14 W.

S. W. ¼ N. E. ¼ Sec. 20. S. W. ¼ S. E. ¼ N. E. ¼, Sec. 20. N. W. ¼ S. E. ¼ N. E. ¼, Sec. 20. S. ½ N. E. ¼ N. E. ¼ Sec. 20. N. ½ E. ½ S. E. ¼ N. E. ¼ Sec. 20.

Now, Therefore, all unknown and non-resident persons, owners and persons interested in the above described lands, and you Mr. Putney, A. R. Cleveland, A. E. Chase, John Gault Supervisor, Art Warner, Highway Commissioner, Albert Chase and Robert Taylor, Drain Assessors are hereby notified that at the time and place aforesaid, or at such other time and place thereafter to which said hearing may be adjourned, I shall proceed to receive bids for the construction of said "Elm Flat East Branch Drain" in the manner hereinbefore stated; and also, that at such time of letting from nine o'clock in the forenoon until five o'clock in the afternoon the assessment for benefits and the lands comprised within the Elm Flat East Branch Drain Special Assessment Districts will be subject to review.

And you, and each of you, owners and persons interested in the aforesaid lands, are hereby cited to appear at the time and place of such letting as aforesaid, and be heard with respect to such special assessments and your interests in relation thereto, if you so desire.

Dated at Bangor, this 6th, day of June, A. D. 1919.
Charles E. Ashley
County Drain Commissioner of the County of Van Buren.